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FOR OPTIMIZING PACKET  
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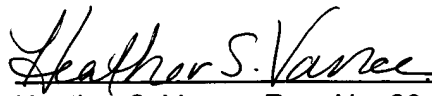
Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed March 4, 2003, Applicants respectfully submit herewith proposed changes to the drawings. Approval of the proposed changes is earnestly solicited.

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